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Indiana Heritage and Culture Council

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Minutes

June 6, 2003

The Indiana Heritage and Culture Council convened at 10:05 a.m. (EST) in the Board Room of the Indiana History Center, Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Council members present were: Pam Bennett (Indiana Historical Bureau), Sal Cilella, (Indiana Historical Society), Chuck Coffey (Indiana Department of Administration), Chair Beth Compton (Governor's Office), Rita Kohn (Citizen Member), Barbara Maxwell (Indiana State Library), Jeff Myers (Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites), Nancy Nakano Conner (Asian Community), Jane Rulon (Department of Commerce - Tourism and Film Development), Jennifer Swenson (2016 Project), Carter Wolf (Citizen Member),

Council members absent were: Wendy Dant Chesser (Indiana Rural Development Council), Carmen DeRusha (Hispanic Community), Ray Gonyea (Citizen Member), Scott Massey (Indiana Humanities Council), Senator James Merritt (Indiana Senate), Elizabeth Osborn (Citizen Member), Representative Markt Lytle (Indiana House of Representatives), Representative Tom Saunders (Indiana House of Representatives), Paul Strack (Native American Community), Bill Sweeney (Indiana War Memorials Commission), Mayor Richard Ullrich (Citizen Member), and Senator Richard Young (Indiana Senate)

Proxies present: Dorothy Ilgen (Indiana Arts Commission), Alan January (for John Newman, Commission for Public Records), Jeannie Regan-Dinius (for John Smith, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology), and Suzanne Stanis (for Reid Williamson, Historic Landmarks Foundation)

Other attendees were: Andrea Hough (Indiana State Library), Allan Rachles (Crowe Chizek), Erin Kramer (Indiana State Department of Personnel), Thayr Richey (Strategic Development Group), and Brian O'Neill (Strategic Development Group)

Chair Beth Compton called the Indiana Heritage and Culture Council to order at 10:05 AM (EST).

I. Welcome/Introductions

Ms. Compton welcomed those in attendance.

Ms. Compton introduced Erin Kramer from the Indiana State Department of Personnel and Barbara Maxwell, the new Indiana State Librarian.

II. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2003 Meeting – previously distributed

Ms. Compton called for additions or corrections to the minutes from the April 4, 2003 meeting. No corrections were offered. Ms. Swenson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wolf seconded the motion and it carried.

III. Committee Reports

(The committee reports were taken out of order at the request of the Chair.)

C. State Personnel Department Study on the Consolidation of Heritage/Culture Agencies

Ms. Compton discussed the study. At the last meeting, there was a discussion about legislation concerning the consolidation of several heritage and cultural agencies. Also, the report from the Collaborative Plan Committee, approved by the Council, recommended studying the new department. Before anything was created in statute, the Governor's office felt that a study of what was the best model was needed.

The Indiana State Department of Personnel has been charged with studying this potential departmental change. They have talked with all the agencies that would be involved in this and sought their opinions, concerns, and needs. The next step is to talk to stake holders.

Mr. Wolf asked what was the process for study. Ms. Kramer from the Indiana State Department of Personnel responded by saying that they are in the information gathering phase. Then they look into technicalities, process, structures, job descriptions, and skill levels. This all helps create the skeleton of the organization. The next step is looking at finance for the new organization; this includes equipment need. Then there is a marketing strategy to inform people about the changes.

Mr. Myers asked if that when stakeholders are interviewed, that we make sure that smaller, grassroots groups be interviewed also. Ms. Compton agreed that this needed to happen. Suggestions for groups should be sent to Ms. Compton.

A. Collaborative Plan – Jane Rulon

Ms. Rulon presented the report for the Collaborative Plan Committee. She distributed the Request for Proposal that was released by the Committee under the authority given to them by the Council. From the RFP, three proposals were received. The Committee recommended for the Council to accept the proposal submitted by the joint collaboration of POLIS, the Center for Urban Planning and the Environment, and Hetrick Communications.

The Council first, on motion by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Ms. Bennett accepted the report from the Committee.

The Council then took the three-part recommendation of the committee as one motion. The recommendation read as:

1. The Council approve the Committee's recommendation and authorize the Committee to select the Center/Polis/Hetick proposal, contingent on acceptable revisions.
2. The Council authorize the Committee to complete fund raising from the public and private sectors, based on the proposal and workplan of the approved vendor.
3. The Council approve the Indiana Humanities Council to serve as a fiscal agent for this effort, and as the fiscal agent for the fund raising requests.

The above written motion was made by Ms. Rulon and seconded by Mr. Myers. The Council approved the motion.

B. Archives Task Force

No report from the Committee.

IV. Other Issues

No issues were raised.

V. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

VI. Next Meeting: August 1, 2003 10:00 AM, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana History Center, Board Room

Mr. Cilella made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Rulon seconded the motion and it carried. The Indiana Heritage and Culture Council meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. (EST).